JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

MARCH 14, 1995

Chairperson Judith Gratton called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 1995 at the County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.

ROLL CALL was answered as follows: Present-Hylene Anderson, Ronald Buening, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith Gratton, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Lynn Sisler, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Present: 11. Absent-Clifford Carroll, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William McFadden, William Mercer and James Slaats. Absent: 6.

INVOCATION and thought for the day were given by Hylene Anderson.

REPORTS were available from Sheriff Steven Allendorf, Coroner William Miller, Treasurer Carol Soat and County Clerk and Recorder Pam Miller.

MINUTES were approved for the February 14, 1995 board meeting after changing wording on Page Five to read "Solid Waste Plan" rather than District following a motion made by Ronald Buening, seconded by Clifford Carroll.

Motion carried by voice vote.

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES were approved after correcting the time of the February 14 Public Works Committee meeting and the February 21 Public Works Committee meeting to note that no motions were made until the executive session was adjourned following a motion made by Hylene Anderson, seconded by Jack Zillig.

Motion carried by voice vote.

LOCATION of the Regional Superintendent of Schools' office after August 1, 1995 when the new district will include Jo Daviess, Carroll and Stephenson counties was discussed.

Chairperson Judith Gratton explained that Stephenson County has offered office space at its courthouse at a cost of $1,000 per month. The Stockton Middle School, which is a more central location, has offered office space at an annual cost of $4,100.

The board voted to consider the Stockton school since it was a more central location at a lower cost but would also re-consider the Stephenson County location if it were more cost effective following a motion made by Ronald Buening, seconded by James Slaats.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Chairperson Gratton was asking the board's advice in the matter; however, the final decision will be made by the chairs of the three county boards.

A RAFFLE LICENSE was approved for the Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau following a motion made by Hylene Anderson, seconded by Robert Dittmar.

Motion carried by voice vote.

A RAFFLE LICENSE was approved for Hospice of Northwest Illinois following a motion made by Clifford Carroll, seconded by Richard Runde.

Motion carried by voice vote.

A RAFFLE LICENSE was issued for the Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce following a motion made by Lynn Sisler, seconded by Robert Dittmar.
Motion carried by voice vote.

THE ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION provided a copy of the State, Local and Federal Financing for Illinois Public Schools, 1994-1995.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS of the Carroll and Jo Daviess Counties Educational Service Region Number 8 were provided by the Illinois State Board of Education.

THE NATURE OF ILLINOIS, winter issue, 1995, was available for board members' review.

THE JANUARY 1995 of Consensus was available for board members' review.

A RAFFLE LICENSE was approved for Jo Daviess Workshop, Inc., following a motion made by Hylene Anderson, seconded by Vincent Hasken.
Motion carried by voice vote.

TIER II REPORTS from Atwood Automotive, Chicago-Dubuque Foundry and Kraft General Foods were placed on file with the county.

CORRESPONDENCE was filed following a motion made by Lynn Sisler, seconded by James Slaats.
Motion carried by voice vote.

THE BOARD ACCEPTED the resignation of Richard Bussan as County Engineer, effective March 14, 1995, following a motion made by Don Crawford, seconded by Ronald Buening.
Motion carried by voice vote.

A RESOLUTION appointing Stephen Keeffer as County Engineer, effective March 15, 1995, at an annual salary of $42,000, with the salary to be reviewed in March 1997, was approved following a motion made by Don Crawford, seconded by Robert Dittmar.
Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William Mercer, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Lynn Sisler, James Slaats, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent-William McFadden. Absent: 1.

ADMINISTRATION of the Animal Control Department was transferred from John Schonhoff to Stephen Keeffer, effective Dec. 1, 1995, with the $2,000 fee now being paid to the administrator to be paid to the Highway Department for building expenses following a motion made by Don Crawford, seconded by Charlice Offenheiser.
Motion carried by voice vote.

THE SALARY of John Schonhoff, a Highway Department employee, will be maintained at $39,203 until review at budget time for FY1997 following a motion made by Don Crawford, seconded by Hylene Anderson.
Motion carried by voice vote.

A RESOLUTION appropriating $312,436 from County Motor Fuel Fund for the 1995 county maintenance program was approved following a motion made by Don Crawford, seconded by Robert Dittmar.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William Mercer, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Lynn Sisler, James Slaats, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent-William McFadden. Absent: 1.

A SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION appropriating $20,778.17 from County Motor Fuel Fund for the 1994 county maintenance program was approved following a motion made by Don Crawford, seconded by John Rutherford.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William Mercer, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Lynn Sisler, James Slaats, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent-William McFadden. Absent: 1.

A RESOLUTION appropriating $85,000 for the county's share of a safety project on Blackjack Road, section 04-00114-00-SP, (Federal $45,000, county $85,000) was approved following a motion made by Don Crawford, seconded by James Slaats.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, William Mercer, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Lynn Sisler, James Slaats, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 15. Nays: 0. Absent-Larry Lyons and William McFadden. Absent: 2.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE members were given authority to act on a bid for the purchase of a Case 3220 tractor, not to exceed $25,000, to be used by the Highway Department, following a motion made by Don Crawford, seconded by Robert Dittmar.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William Mercer, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Lynn Sisler, James Slaats, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent-William McFadden. Absent: 1.

LOW BID of $7,800 to Roeder Implement, Dubuque, Iowa, for the purchase of two mowers to be used by the Highway Department was approved following a motion made by Don Crawford, seconded by Hylene Anderson.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William Mercer, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Lynn Sisler, James Slaats, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent-William McFadden. Absent: 1.

LOW BID of $13,355 to Truck Country of Iowa, Dubuque, Iowa, for the purchase of a pickup truck to be used by Animal Control was approved following a motion made by Don Crawford, seconded by John

Rutherford.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William Mercer, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Lynn Sisler, James Slaats, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent-William McFadden. Absent: 1.

LOW BID of $388,160 was approved for a bridge on Derinda Road, section 94-00115-00-BR, following a motion made by Don Crawford, seconded by Charlice Offenheiser.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William Mercer, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Lynn Sisler, James Slaats, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent-William McFadden. Absent: 1.

AID was approved to replace a culvert on West Blanding Road in Hanover Township at an estimated cost of $12,000 (county 50%, township 50%) following a motion made by Don Crawford, seconded by Robert Dittmar.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William Mercer, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Lynn Sisler, James Slaats, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent-William McFadden. Absent: 1.

AID was approved to replace a timber bridge deck on South Irish Hollow Road in Elizabeth Township at an estimated cost of $6,700 (county 50%, township 50%) following a motion made by Don Crawford, seconded by John Rutherford.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William Mercer, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Lynn Sisler, James Slaats, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent-William McFadden. Absent: 1.

BOARD MEMBERS LEARNED that Mid-States Associates has completed the update of the county highway map, already approved by the board at a cost of $8,100.

Printing costs will now be compiled by County Engineer Stephen Keeffer.

TEMPORARY CLERICAL WORK at the Animal Control office has been done by the zoning office secretary and treasurer's office staff while the Animal Control secretary is on maternity leave.

Salaries are being paid from the Animal Control fund.

A PLAT was approved for Priezer's Addition to West Galena Township following a motion made by Don Crawford, seconded by Clifford Carroll.

Motion carried by voice vote.

A PLAT was approved for Holmgren's Place in Menominee Township

following a motion made by Richard Runde, seconded by Vincent Hasken.
Motion carried by voice vote.

A PLAT was approved for Riniker's Addition to Menominee Township following a motion made by John Rutherford, seconded by William Mercer.
Motion carried by voice vote.

A LASER PRINTER will be purchased at a cost of $1,299 and a cable for $4.99 for the county zoning office following a motion made by Lynn Sisler, seconded by Clifford Carroll.
Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William Mercer, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Lynn Sisler, James Slaats, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent-William McFadden. Absent: 1.

A COMPUTER SCREEN will be purchased at a cost of $299 from Lindgren, Callihan & VanOsdol for the treasurer's office following a motion made by Lynn Sisler, seconded by Hylene Anderson.
Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William Mercer, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Lynn Sisler, James Slaats, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent-William McFadden. Absent: 1.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE members were given authority to approve job descriptions and salaries for Galena/Jo Daviess County Convention & Visitors Bureau staff with the consent of the State's Attorney following a motion made by Lynn Sisler, seconded by James Slaats.
Motion carried by voice vote.

MATCHING FUNDS between the county and the City of East Dubuque and the Village of Elizabeth ($1,300 each) were approved following a motion made by Vincent Hasken, seconded by Robert Dittmar.
Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, William Mercer, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Lynn Sisler, James Slaats, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 15. Nays: 0. Absent-Larry Lyons and William McFadden. Absent: 2.

RICHARD BUSSAN was hired by the county to finish inspection work and paperwork at Special Service Area #3 at a salary not to exceed $2,000 following a motion made by Vincent Hasken, seconded by Ronald Buening.
Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William Mercer, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Lynn Sisler, James Slaats, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent-William McFadden. Absent: 1.

THE BOARD will consider a claim of $2,312.36 if submitted from

Vincent Phillips for crop damage while water lines were being laid at Special Service Area #3 following a motion made by Vincent Hasken, seconded by James Slaats.

Motion carried by voice vote.

JO DAVIESS DEVELOPMENT INC. will distribute riverboat funds approved for payment by the board and will charge the county one percent of the grant or loan amounts for doing this work.

DISCUSSION concerning the possible move of the Galena/Jo Daviess County Convention and Visitors offices to the City of Galena's waterworks building was held.

Board members are working with the Galena city council members in an attempt to reach an agreement for a long-term lease if the county pays for improvements.

Board member Larry Lyons informed the board that there may be other communities in the county that are interesting in housing the Bureau's offices.

THE BOARD APPROVED the tourism promotion matching grant application of $1,028.75 for the Galena Artists Guild following a motion made by James Slaats, seconded by Ronald Buening.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William Mercer, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Lynn Sisler, James Slaats, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent-William McFadden. Absent: 1.

NANCY BREED was named temporary executive director of the Galena/Jo Daviess County Convention and Visitors Bureau, retroactive to Jan. 3, 1995, at an annual salary of $29,000 following a motion made by James Slaats, seconded by Ronald Buening.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William Mercer, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Lynn Sisler, James Slaats, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent-William McFadden. Absent: 1.

CHANGES IN THE BY-LAWS for the Galena/Jo Daviess County Convention and Visitors Bureau were proposed for approval following a motion made by James Slaats, seconded by Ronald Buening.

A motion to table the matter until the April 1995 county board meeting was made by Larry Lyons. The motion died for lack of a second.

An amendment to the original motion to exclude changes in Article 3 was proposed by Lynn Sisler, seconded by Don Crawford.

Vote on the amendment was undecided by voice vote.

Vote on the amendment failed by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Larry Lyons, William Mercer, Charlice Offenheiser and Lynn Sisler. Ayes: 7. Nays-Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, James Slaats, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Nays: 9. Absent-William McFadden. Absent: 1.

The original motion to approve the by-law changes carried by voice vote. Lynn Sisler and Larry Lyons asked that their "Nay" votes be

recorded.

THE BOARD VOTED to send a letter to the Galena city council members expressing the county's desire to see the aerator building in front of the waterworks building removed if an agreement can be reached to move the Galena/Jo Daviess County Convention and Visitors Bureau offices there following a motion made by John Rutherford and Ronald Buening.

Motion carried by voice vote.

AN ERROR IN THE FY1995 BUDGET in the Sheriff's Department line items was discussed. Line item 12002 was shorted by $60,000.

Finance Chairman Vincent Hasken told board members this would be corrected by amending the budget later in this fiscal year.

COPS MORE (Making Officer Redeployment Effective), a program offered law enforcement departments by the recent passage of the federal crime bill was explained to the board by Sheriff Steven Allendorf.

Board members agreed to allow Sheriff Allendorf to apply for the grant with matching funds of $27,000 coming from monies remaining from the Traffic Law Enforcement Grant following a motion made by Robert Dittmar, seconded by John Rutherford.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith Gratton, Larry Lyons, William Mercer, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Lynn Sisler, James Slaats, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 15. Nays: 0. Absent-William McFadden. Absent: 1. Abstain-Vincent Hasken. Abstain: 1.

A TRIP was approved for Sue Karberg, Family Planning Coordinator at the Health Department, to attend a training workshop on developing the cost analysis for that program on March 22 at Springfield (room rate for one night is $53.90) following a motion made by Hylene Anderson, seconded by Charlice Offenheiser.

Motion carried by voice vote.

DR. DEBBIE CIHAK was named medical advisor to the Health Department, replacing Dr. Wilbur Johnson, following a motion made by Hylene Anderson, seconded by Robert Dittmar.

Motion carried by voice vote.

BOARD MEMBERS VOTED not to proceed with a GIS site screening of the county at this time (90% to be paid by state, 10% or $20,000 to be paid by county) following a motion made by Hylene Anderson, seconded by Ronald Buening.

Motion carried by voice vote.

PEG MURPHY, Health Department director, is researching and is planning to print a brochure stating programs for senior citizens in the county.

BOARD MEMBER HYLENE ANDERSON told board members that several townships have inquired about starting recycling programs.

The Social and Environmental Committee members will send letters to township officials about the subject.

AN ORDINANCE for Private Sewage Disposal System was approved following a motion made by Hylene Anderson, seconded by John Rutherford.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, William Mercer, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Lynn Sisler, James Slaats, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 15. Nays-Larry Lyons. Nays: 1. Absent-William McFadden. Absent: 1.

BOARD MEMBERS VOTED to establish the Bi-County (Jo Daviess and Carroll counties) Solid Waste Agency following a motion made by Hylene Anderson, seconded by John Rutherford.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, William Mercer, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Lynn Sisler, James Slaats, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 15. Nays-Larry Lyons. Nays: 1. Absent-William McFadden. Absent: 1.

TAXING DISTRICTS in which the Phoenix Chemical Plant is located are working together to pay for an appraisal of that property by an outside firm.

The board voted to pay the county's share of 11.6 percent (or $580) following a motion made by Vincent Hasken, seconded by John Rutherford.

The payment will be from a new line established under the Supervisor of Assessment office.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William Mercer, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Lynn Sisler, James Slaats, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent-William McFadden. Absent: 1.

CLAIMS totaling $195,221.76 were approved for payment following a motion made by Clifford Carroll, seconded by James Slaats.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William Mercer, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Lynn Sisler, James Slaats, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent-William McFadden. Absent: 1.

CHAIRPERSON JUDITH GRATTON received authority to attend a United County Council meeting (registration fee and room rate of $60 single or $75 double) following a motion made by Don Crawford, seconded by Hylene Anderson.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Any other board member interested in attending was asked to contact Chairperson Gratton.

CHAIRPERSON JUDITH GRATTON will attend a workshop on parliamentary procedure in Rockford on March 17 (registration cost $50) following a motion made by Don Crawford, seconded by Ronald Buening.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Any other board member interested in attending was asked to contact Chairperson Gratton.

SPECIAL THANKS was issued to Richard Bussan for his help and concern while serving as County Engineer.

THE MEETING RECESSED following a motion made by Clifford Carroll, seconded by Richard Runde.

Chairperson Judith Gratton recessed the meeting at 12:05 p.m. until 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 11, 1995 at the County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.

Pam Miller
Jo Daviess County Clerk